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Students, Alumni look forward to Homecoming

By Erin Hill
Staff Writer

Dust off your capes, pull out your togas, and get ready to show your puma pride! Why are the students and alumni going all out this week? The answer is obvious, it is homecoming week!

On October 2, 2011, our Puma football team will be battling Robert Morris University at 2:00 p.m. This will mark the first time that Robert Morris University will be playing the Pumas. This is the first year that they have a football team.

The game is not the only big event going on this week. Starting Monday, the students showed their school spirit. They started off the week by dressing up as super heroes, then moved on to Toga day on Tuesday, jumped back to the past with 80s day on Wednesday, colored the campus with class spirit Thursday. Friday will top off the spirit week with students dressing up with as much Puma Pride as this small campus can hold.

When asked about what he thought about Homecoming, senior Mass Communication major Jeremy Butterfield, "I'm in the band so I do not see a lot of the activities but the stands get filled with alumni that are cheering for every play, including the band at halftime."

Not only are the students able to enjoy this week, but starting



Photos courtesy of Jessica Ruschke

(Left) Junior English Creative Writing major Anna Rohaly becomes the Dark Diva for Superhero Spirit Day. (Right) Junior Psychology major Emily Claeys shows off her Batgirl outfit.

on Friday, the alumni also have multiple activities lined for them.

On Friday September 30, 2011, they have a kickoff cookout and golf outing, a Wind Energy and SJC Farm Tour, an Alumni Pub gathering, and a big Pep rally for the alumni and students.

People who attend the pep rally will hear the homecoming speech from the new head coach Cory Sanders. Coach Sanders is a Saint Joseph's alumnus, serving as the 19th head coach in Saint

Joseph's history.

On Saturday October 1, 2011, there are plenty of activities to keep one busy throughout the entire day. The day kicks off with a 5K Campus Fun Run/Walk. Then the Class of '61 Breakfast, Alumni Baseball Game, and an Alumni Tennis Match. Also for the Pumas that married Pumas, there is a mass and wedding vow renewal. The day continues with an Alumni Softball Game. Then the Alumni Association Beer

& Brat Tent and Kids' Art Tent open offering tons of food, a Rock Climbing Wall, Inflatable Obstacle Course, face painting and much more. There are also two Drexel Hall Tours. The day gets more competitive when the Dorm Wars move into action. Then the last planned event of the day, is the Post-Game Cookout and Beer Garden. With all the events and excitement, let's go out and show our Puma Pride!

English Department plans London trip

By F. H. Gonzalez
Staff Writer

This year St. Joseph College students have an opportunity to travel aboard to London, England. The trip will take place at the beginning of the next semester. Planning, and coordinating for this trip is Assistant Professor of English, April Toadvine. She hopes students will sign up soon for this trip, and hopes this can become a yearly program available to students.

Unlike other "travel-abroad" programs, this excursion is purely for the student's leisure. The main focus is London, and offers students a chance to enjoy one of Europe's great cultural centers. "I would have loved to have the students travel to other areas of England," said Prof. Toadvine, "but eight days in London aren't enough to take in what the city

has to offer."

Students will be offered a chance to see the city's many historical monuments, such as the House of Parliament and Trafalgar Square. Departure for England is on the second of January, and students will return in time for classes on the tenth. "That was

"It would be great for the students to experience the splendor of Europe."
- Professor Toadvine

be back on time for class, but thankfully we found a package that will ensure students are back and ready to go, despite the jet-lag they will be enduring," added Prof. Toadvine with a facetious grin.

The overall cost of the trip is \$2,400. All hotels and some meals are paid for. "Although there are concerns as to how many people will sign up for this trip, I would

one of the biggest concerns, whether students will



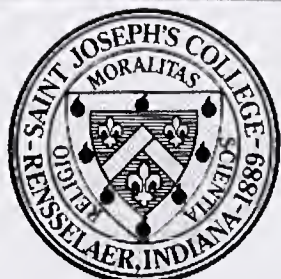
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During their time in London, the students will see sights such as the Parliament building.

like to have other trips abroad. It would be great for the students to experience the splendor of Europe," said Prof. Toadvine.

Although time is running out for the deadline for the sign-ups,

Prof. Toadvine is still willing to discuss any ideas for the trip, as well as plans for other trips in the future.





(Left to Right): Sarah Stines, Tyler Callaghan, and Adrienne DiRuzza modeling the rebound height of a bouncing ball using a motion detector.

College receives \$10,000 Vernier Grant

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Assistant Director of Integrated Marketing

Saint Joseph's College is one of ten higher education institutions to receive Vernier Software and Technology's 30th Anniversary Technology Grant. More than 2,000 schools applied for the grant. The recipients will be given their choice of \$10,000 worth of Vernier technology. Vernier creates world-class data-collection solutions for teachers and offers a full line of award-winning interfaces, sensors, software, and curriculum that help engage and excite students through hands-on scientific exploration. SJC's Director of Grants and Contracts Sandra McMullen worked with Professor of Mathematics Dr. Karen Donnelly and Assistant Professor of Mathematics Marge McIlwain to determine how they would use the technology.

"When the Vernier grant opportunity was announced, we decided to apply," said Donnelly. "It was a perfect opportunity to obtain funding to update our equipment and make some new acquisitions." Workshops will provide training for interested faculty members across all disciplines how to use Vernier technology and how to incorporate it into course projects. A general focus of the department is to implement hands-on activities to connect mathematics to the real world, and the Vernier grant will provide them with the technology to make this possible. "A lot of new technology is now available from Vernier, and this will give us a chance to order the things that were on our wish list," said McIlwain. "As stated in our grant proposal, we also

hope to train other faculty on the use of this equipment so they can see opportunities to use it for quantitative applications in their courses." Donnelly and McIlwain first started incorporating mathematical modeling of real-world data with real-time data acquisition devices into their courses in 2001. Their work began with the Teaching Scholars Partnership Program, funded by a two-year \$30,000 grant from the National Science Foundation through the Council for Independent Colleges. Both professors have continued to use the technology for classroom student projects in Calculus, Mathematics as a Human Pursuit, and Differential Equations. For more information, contact Karen Donnelly at karend@saintjoe.edu.

New club seeks to educate students on sustainability issues

By Rachel King
Staff Writer

New clubs are always forming on campus! One new club is called Sustainability Club. Senior History major Katie Wright wanted to start a club last semester in Core 6. They talked about sustainability, "which means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own," Wright said. In her Core class they had a project to see how sustainable the Saint Joseph's campus is, and they decided that there could be some improvements. "I talked a lot with Lana Zimmer about getting more Pumas involved and deciding how we could take action" said Wright. Zimmer helped a lot with getting more people involved. The group was made "to create a culture of conservation". The goal is to teach people what sustainability means. The group will be helping

the whole campus and hopes to impact a variety of people. They do not just look out for themselves. Instead, they look out for the environment of future Pumas and humans. The types of students that would like to join this group would be ones that care about the environment and mankind. Wright said since the campus is so tight-knit, "I think that we can really bring together our best resources in order to make our campus more sustainable." The club helped with Harvest Fest. To get more information about the club there is a Moodle site labeled "Sustainable SJC." Although the club has only had one meeting so far, it hopes to grow in members and become an active force on campus for creating a better environment for the students. For more information about joining the Sustainability Club, contact Katie Wright at kwq7795.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/1 Homecoming
- 10/3 Take Back the Night Bonfire
- 10/4 Take Back the Night Rally
- 9/29 - 10/31 Open Room Change
- 10/3- 10/7 Mental Health Week
- 10/9 - 10/12 Busy Student Retreat
- 10/6 Depression Screening Day
- 10/22 Family Day



College Democrats March in Little Cousin Jasper

By Patrick Fisher
Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College Democrats marched down the street in support of Steve Woods during the Little Cousin Jasper Festival's parade on Saturday, September 10th. The Little Cousin Jasper Festival is an annual social event focused on bringing the community together. Steve Wood, who is running for mayor on the Democratic ticket, said: "I want to thank the students for participating and engaging with the voters. The sea of blue shirts at the parade was awesome!" College Democrats President junior Psychology major Jackson Hooker, Vice President junior Biology major Sarah Todd, junior Art major Martina Manns, junior Business Administration major Tim Conroy, junior Business Administration major Matt McGrane, senior Math

major Jason Polomchak, and freshman Grace Kura were active participants in the event. The College Democrats were proud to build a bridge with the local Jasper County Democrats by marching and helping to maintain their table. Jackson Hooker, Club President, had this to say, "I believe our participation at this event was a good first step to promote this club." The Vice President of the SJC Democrats also happens to be Steve Wood's granddaughter. At the last College Democrats meeting, a picnic was discussed, as well as the potential for a meet-and-greet with Steve Woods. The College Democrats are always accepting new members and has regular meetings. For more information on how to join the club, contact Jackson Hooker.



College Democrats marching in the Little Cousin Jasper parade. (Courtesy of Patrick Fisher)

3-D Movies, What’s the Deal?

By Patrick Massoels
Guest Writer

We all enjoy going to a movie theater, paying the extra three dollars, and watching our movies reach out toward us in 3D. But is that what is best for the industry? It is entertaining, certainly, but should every movie be filmed in a format compatible with 3D? Those brave theaters that will not show the films in 3D and show it in standard format had a serious problem. Films that are designed to stand out tend to have awkward moments on screen when the characters will reach out for nothing or swing a punch that doesn’t really land but still manages to knock their opponent back.

3D is a luxury and should remain that way. It should not become an everyday occurrence in the film industry. Debates are being held whether or not it is worth it to produce more movies in Imax since the cameras are so expensive. But at least those films still look nice in the average theater. Green Lantern, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II, and Alice in Wonderland are just the more noticeable for me. Each had moments in a fight scene when the characters held their weapons toward camera and it just looked stupid.

Animated movies are the only ones that are able to pull of the goofy look of a 3D movie in a

standard format. The honest truth is because they are animated. They are meant to look cartoony and bulbous. That format does manage to work for such films like Gnomeo and Juliet, Tangled, and Cars 2. They can pull the punches that don’t land because they are designed for children. They can have random moments of looking off into the distance because they are meant to appear humorous.

And then there is the one thing about 3D that I cannot stand at all. Some movies are classics. They should remain as classics, untouched and perfect. 3D will only ruin what magic there originally was once it is sent to DVD. The Lion King was and still is one of my favorite films and the fact that it is returning to theaters in 3D annoys me in more ways than one.

Had it just returned to theaters in standard format for a week or two, I would have been thrilled. Instead, Disney decided to take an excellent movie and corrupt it with effects just to make more money. In the end, it will only lash back at them once they realize how ridiculous the product looks when seen on the average television set.

3D is fun and exciting and nice from time to time. But it is taking over the movie screens. Many production companies push their directors to have their films

in 3D and many comply. There are still a few, such as Christopher Nolan, who refuses to have their productions tainted with these

cheesy graphics but who is to say how long they can resist before 3D films take over?



Art by Frank Gonzalez.

The Pros and Cons of a Small College

By Adam Willis
Guest Writer

College is great, that’s a plain and simple fact. Now we all know that Saint Joe isn’t the biggest around. In fact, it’s actually pretty gosh darn small, admit it. But we all know that it can be simultaneously awesome and terrible living on a small campus like this. Now if you’re one of those cynical people that can’t find the good in anything, I ask you to read on so that I might change your outlook. Rather, if you are one of those people with a constantly sunny disposition, you should probably go try to spread some of the cheer. For everyone else, here is a quick breakdown of the Pros and Cons of living on such a small campus such as this:

PROS:

- 1. It’s a SMALL campus. The longest walk anyone has to make on a regular basis is Justin to the science building. And that take 5 minutes. Tops. If there’s a lot of snow. And you have a broken foot. And you are being attacked by a pack of feral dogs. If you live in Seifert, you can wake up at 8:58 and still be early for class!
- 2.The professors. I’m a biology major, one of the larger majors we have here on campus, and I am on a first name/ nickname basis with at least

three of my professors. I can walk in to any of their offices at almost any time and have a conversation with them. Not even about homework, just how my weekend went.

3.You know EVERYONE. Even if you don’t know the names of them all, you see them around campus. You may pass them each day in the Core building, they always sit at the table adjacent from you at meals, maybe you even had a class or two with them. That means that if you ever get the chance, it makes it that much easier to introduce yourself at the first opportunity.

CONS:

- 1.You know EVERYONE. I know, I know, you’re probably thinking “But Adam, you just said this was a good thing!” and to that I say “Be quiet! This is my article!” But yes, dear reader, this is both a pro and a con. And this is a con because of two little words: Puma Rumors. You might be thinking “What!? What are those? I’ve never heard of those before!” and I would reply “What did I just tell you about interrupting me?!” Also, if you thought that, you’re probably lying. Puma Rumors spread on this campus like wildfire. Faster even, like a wildfire that has a paper due in 6 hours, so it’s all hyped up on Redbull and Adderall

so it has that calm focus that can and will destroy anything in its path. Also, do me a favor, if you hear a Puma Rumor, don’t spread it around.

2. There isn’t a lot to do in the evenings/ weekends. I know that SA, SUB, and the RAs try their hardest to give us activities, book musicians and comedians, hold special events and the like, but they’re really fighting a losing battle. There are simple just too many weekends in the year to fill every single one. My suggestion? Work on your DVD collection. Or do homework... but who really does that on the weekend?

3.Rensselaer is equally small. So personally I don’t have too much of a problem with this coming from a hometown that even smaller than this, but I have heard a few complaints from my friends who actually live in the city. This problem can also go hand-in-hand with the last con I listed. It really limits activities for a bored college student. I’ve learned to take advantage of the rural setting and go for long drives with good friends and good music to simply get lost in the country, or maybe go star gazing, or maybe find a way to class that isn’t right through feral dog territory.

Have your voice be heard!

Are there people or groups on campus that you think deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the campus community?

Are their concerns in *the Observer* that need to be addressed?

Do you have any concerns with policies on campus?

Are there issues you think need to be discussed?

Tell us about it! The Student Forum is your way to speak out and have your voice be heard. Please send your letters to Meigan Rennels at mrg7698@saintjoe.edu attached as a Word document.

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An Evening with Gears of War 3

By Adam Ruggles
Staff Writer

After nearly three years in development, Epic Games’ third-person shooter Gears of War 3 is finally here! Fans have been eagerly awaiting the return of Marcus Fenix and Delta Squad since the closing moments of Gears of War 2, which unveiled that the previously thought to be deceased Adam Fenix, Marcus’ father, was still alive. Leading up to its release, few games garnered the level of attention Gears 3 received. Was Gears 3 able to live up to its hype? The answer: you better believe it.

Gears 3 takes place two years after the events of Gears of War 2 and a lot has changed - both in the game’s storyline and in the technology which makes the game possible. Firstly, Epic Games’ Unreal Engine 3 is well... unreal. The locales, buildings, explosions, and textures in this game look nothing short of spectacular and exhibit a level of an attention to detail seldom seen in most video games. As a player, I spent a considerable amount of time just admiring the scenery and landscapes that



A little intimidation never hurt anybody! Although that is pretty scary. (Photo courtesy of Google images)

serve as the backdrop to Gears 3’s symphony of carnage. I also had the privilege of playing Gear 3 as it was intended, in 5.0 surround sound. Whether it is the thunderous footsteps of an approaching Brumak or the roar of your chainsaw bayonet about to meet an enemy, Gears 3 sounds amazing and this only adds to its overall thrilling atmospheric effect.

Speaking of carnage, the cover-based combat that fans of the series have grown to love has been perfected. Getting in and out of cover is seamless and the speed of shooting from cover has been increased to force players into split second adjustments and

decisions. All of this combined with dozens of formidable foes on screen at a time make for some of the most intense firefights in recent memory.

Epic Games has a lot to be proud of, one of which is Gears 3’s campaign. Throughout the campaign, players encounter various types of Locust and Lambent as they attempt to reach Marcus’ father, a scientist who has the secret to ending the Locust and Lambent civilizations. To avoid any spoilers, I will end my discussion of the story’s details here. However, I will say the story is exceptional and filled with both emotional and memorable moments and ultimately provides a satisfying conclusion to the current Gears of War story arc.

The campaign, which one can play solo or with up to three friends, takes the player(s) through many locations, including a naval battleship, sewers, a wasteland, and deserted towns to name only a few. Moreover, the desperation of the Coalition of Ordered Governments (COGS) is effectively captured within the environments. The settings as well as those characters

within them are gritty, raw, and unforgiving. As I was playing, it seemed that ammunition was in shorter supply than in previous installments of the series. Whether or not it was intentional, the shortage of ammo boxes lying around only added to the feelings of desperation and anxiety about the uncertain future. It also forced players to improvise and use whatever guns were dropped by dead enemies.

Turning now to multiplayer, the perfected combat of Gears 3 is successfully ported straight into multiplayer. The addition of dedicated multiplayer servers greatly increase the online experience by avoiding the long wait times that plagued Gears 2’s launch. Traditional game types such as Team Deathmatch, King of the Hill, Capture the Leader, and Execution make their return. In a noteworthy change, players, who previously would bleed out if a teammate was unable to reach them, are now able to resurrect themselves if they avoid taking damage for a period of time while down.

In addition to the above modes, Gears 3’s improved Horde

mode rewards money to players upon killing waves of increasingly difficult enemies and bosses. This money can be spent on a number of things including fortifications, ammunition, and turrets. This addition to gameplay adds an element of strategy to an already vastly popular game mode.

Lastly, Beast mode flips the Horde formula on its head as players control a Locust of their choosing and seek out the increasingly difficult COGS. This mode is a nice addition and greatly extends the replay value of an already excellent game.

At nearly sixty dollars, Gears of War 3 is a great value with its thrilling campaign, competitive multiplayer, and both Horde and Beast mode. Throughout my life as a gamer, there have been few games that I have enjoyed on the level of Gears of War 3. Alongside Gears from around the world, I hold my Lancer high and salute Epic Games for delivering the definitive Gear of War experience and creating a title that will be talked about for a long time.

Musician Profile: Gambino

By Corey Dowds
Features Editor

Ever have a dream of being a writer, producer, actor, comedian, and rapper? Well guys, lets just face the facts, some people have all the talent. Donald Glover, age 28, is just coming into his own as a person, and by extension, a musician as well. Donald Glover is most well known for his acting on the hit NBC comedy *Community*. When he isn’t making people laugh on screen, he is writing comedy, either stand-up or for other hit TV shows such as “The Daily Show” and “30 Rock”, deejaying, or making movies.

Donald Glover, under the alias Childish Gambino (which he retrieved from a Wu-Tang name generator online) came to the music scene in 2008, with his album *Sick Boi*. While not bursting onto the music scene, Gambino made just enough splash to get some attention online and in the underground rap scene. As Gambino released more music, and found his niche and style in music, he began to progress as both a writer, rapper, and person. He then released *Poindexter* (2009) *I Am Just A Rapper* (2010) and *I Am Just a Rapper 2* (2010) in relatively short succession, granting him even more attention.

Culdesac (2010) came out and Gambino really came into his own on this album, and into the future. Gambino is now known for his honesty, (“Take a lesson from Kanye and give’m something real”) addressing racial issues, as well as his own issues in his personal life, past and present. Gambino addresses issues such as his own life, race, homosexuality, and white and black stereotypes.

When Gambino isn’t getting down with real issues, he’s being clever with his sexual puns and current event references.

Now Gambino is set to release a new album in the 4th quarter of this year titled *Camp*. He’s also releasing a new EP, set to be released any day now! So if you are interested in listening to

some new rap music, check out Childish Gambino! All of his music that he has made so far is free! A note to his fans that say, “It’s not about the money, and thanks for being fans.” Check him out, you won’t regret it if you are fan of rap, and more importantly music.



Childish Gambino has a variety of songs addressing a number of different topics. While I am a fan of Childish Gambino, not all of his songs are #1 hit material. Some songs that you should check out.

- “Break” - Cover/remix of “All of the Light” by Kanye West.
- “Rolling in the Deep” - Remix of hit song by Adele
- “Lights Turned on”
- “Freaks and Geeks”
- “Do Ya Like”

(Photo courtesy of Google images)

Poetry Box

Her Name was Angela.

All it takes is a good bra.
Take it from Angela she would know.
She doesn’t get the cheap ones from Kohls or JC Penny.
She got a real one,
A Victoria’s Secret one,
She got neon,
She got lace.
Then she puts on a tight shirt,
Something sheer and low as well,
And then she show’s off that bra,
It was expensive after all.
The boys will come running,
She’ll say she’s not looking for anything,
But of course they’ll want her.
Tomorrow she wakes,
And all she’ll have left is some flashy bra,
Fallen under a strangers bed,
And a brand new rep.

By Nicole Thomsen

Thinking

what do you see?
when you look at that tree
I see you and me
I remember clearly
every possibility
thinking ... or just maybe
so close - only
things last so briefly
I looked at you shyly
as I leaned idly
against that tree
thinking “kiss me”

By Randee Porteus

Lightning Strikes!

By Alan Austin
Staff Writer

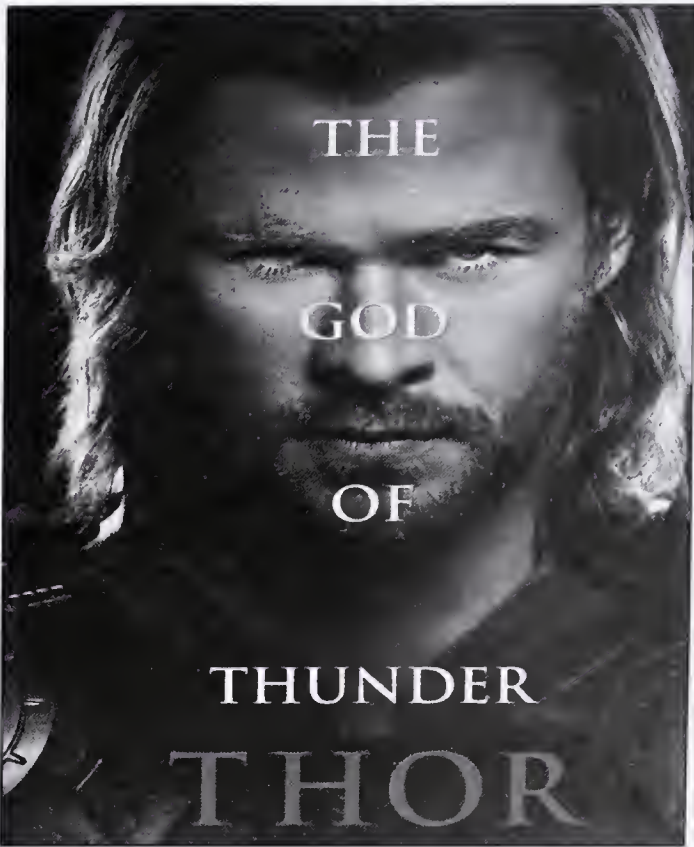
Thor came out to DVD on September 13, 2011 and is still on the top three purchased today. The movie shows to be another piece to the future Avengers movie which I predict will be just as profitable. The movie is so epic and intense that you know that Thor will make a return in the future.

Thor starts off the whole story as your typical arrogant warrior of another realm who naturally got the throne since he was next in line. After disobeying his father Odin's words, he has to suffer the consequences of banishment to Earth. After being on Earth, he gets shaped and he turns into the epic king by the end.

The movie was just epic! The level of intensity was just outstanding! I knew I could not get enough of it. I mean, there is even a part where he flies out through a giant random monster's throat. He really was a pain in its neck!

One trait that should hook you from the start is the multiple award winner Anthony Hopkins playing Odin, the father of Thor. Hopkins can raise any movie's status by one. My main example being Wolfman of 2010. He did not threaten to eat anybody like his main role as Hannibal some years ago, but still kept the character of the quiet genius always prepared for the worst. Honestly I could never see him playing a dumb role in any of his movies and I imagine he never will.

All of the characters were neat to see. The rest of the cast was irreplaceable and was quite the entertainment. You even get to see Queen Amidala in Star Wars!



The movie was good enough, but his well defined facial structure allowed the women in the audience to enjoy the movie just as much as their comic-loving men. Photo courtesy of Google.com.

Natalie Portman plays the love interest who is the scientist who studies the astrology of certain celestial happenings which happen to be Thor's gateway to Earth. Other actors are Chris Hemsworth (Thor), Tom Hiddleston (Loki), and many other celebs we care about.

As an RA, I must stay up late on my designated duty days. It is just a sad fact of life. The other night I went into duty tired and ready for bed. I honestly did not know how to stay up until two in the dang morning. This movie brought me from extremely tired to ready to fight an epic battle! If

you like movies with high intensity and a sure epic fight at the end, then this is your movie.

I will admit that the movie was predictable. You could figure out some things he was going to do, but with nice scriptwriting, nice effects, and Natalie Portman it was a very great movie to see and I would highly suggest it to those who have not seen it!

To the right: Dishes such as this orange chicken can be found at China Garden, plus many more! Photo courtesy of Google.

China Garden Woks

By Kristina Hemmerling
Staff Writer

If you enjoy Red Hot Chef in the cafeteria, eating off campus, Chinese food, or all of the above, then there is a place in town for you. In the little strip mall behind the Walgreens on College Avenue, is a restaurant called China Garden. When you walk in you see a booth-like seating arrangement, a counter with some waving cats, and the glowing picture menu above. These pictures are quite stereotypical of Chinese restaurants (I have seen the same ones in several others) but the food itself is quite different. I have a rather limited diet due to some food intolerances, but China Garden is able to accommodate me quite nicely with their variety of options.

The meat I always get with my Chinese meals is chicken. I had a bad experience with beef when I was a kid (it took forever to chew and after a while just didn't taste good), and I've never actually tried a dish with pork before except for pork-fried rice. The big shrimp in Chinese dishes freaks me out, so I usually don't eat that either. In any event, there are plenty of options for each of these meats.

I usually get the Chicken with Mixed Vegetables option. The vegetables that are included are

semi-random seeming (including random Chinese vegetables and mini-corn), but they all taste wonderful together. I've also gotten the Chicken with Broccoli and Garlic Chicken meals several times, and they are both good as well. The chicken with broccoli dish is rather self-explanatory, but the garlic chicken (maybe you all know this) is a bit on the spicy side so be prepared for that. As I said, I always go for chicken (I once got shrimp during Lent, but like I said, it was too big), but from what all my friends tell me, the other options are just as good.

With these dishes you have several options for rice. There's the standard white rice and fried rice, but they have many different kinds of fried rice. There are several meat options (pork, chicken, beef), a vegetable option for vegetarians, and also a shrimp option for special occasions (like Lent). I have yet to try them all, but the chicken, pork, and shrimp are all very tasty.

For lunch and dinner you can go to China Garden to dine in or carry-out. Monday through Saturday they are open from 11 AM to 9 PM, and on Sundays it's open from 11 AM to 8 PM. It's always a great option if you're looking for somewhere to eat off campus, go on a date, or if you just want some tasty Chinese food.



Visiting Wonderful Ireland

By Joel A. Arreguin
Staff Writer

The Tuesday after May graduation of Saint Joseph's Class of 2011, Professor Susan "Susie" Chattin an Assistant Professor of History at Saint Joseph's College along with several former Core 3 students of hers traveled to Ireland. The day they departed for Ireland was the day Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom arrived—after 80 years, the crown had traveled to Ireland. The arrival and security was located in Northern Ireland—who so happen to be more loyal and respective towards the crown whereas in the south, Dublin rebelled against it. The SJC group met people who traveled to the United States—they were easy to spot among Ireland's crowds. Prof. Chattin says, "They were familiar with American politics, food—they had a positive view of the United States."

"A pie was my favorite dish I had in Ireland", Prof. Chattin said enthusiastically. Typical eaters can choose their pot pie

to be stuffed with a chunky beef or lamb with veggies stew, marinating in a Guinness base of liquid luck. As simple as that, Guinness pie is delectable to the soul's taste buds; Prof. Chattin definitely recommends this crunchy crust wonder for any food fanatic travelers venturing to Ireland to the near future.

"It's rich, wonderful really good. It was on menus everywhere. Guinness pie is a typical dish that people can find anywhere while over there."

The group traveled to pubs, and other small family restaurants. Having worn jogging track pants, "...all the girls were considered underdressed at night when we visited the pubs." The students could not get their hands off fish and chips. The pubs were very popular and always chanted live Irish music composed for sing-along. "The first pub we went to, the girls were stared at because of their American fashion. The Irish typically dress up all the time like going to a wedding everyday—it is a norm of their culture. The SJC group



Susie Chattin, smiling happily for her staff profile picture. Photo courtesy of SJC website.

traveled to Ireland because they decided on traveling to Europe. Of the seven students who joined Prof. Chattin to Ireland, only a few have fractions of Irish ancestry—they were not looking for their roots, but just to enjoy a new foreign country overseas they had never visited before.

Their eight day trip sent them to Dublin first. "Dublin is a very cosmopolitan, lively town. It's not huge—it has its goods and bads, but the people are friendly, and helpful (to tourists)."

Next, the SJC group traveled to South Central Kilkinny. Prof. Chattin describes Kilkinny to be a, "...small town, traditional Ireland, cobblestone streets, old buildings—it was my favorite part of Ireland." Prof. Chattin says she heard Irishmen speak Gaelic everywhere she went. There were signs with English directions on them to help navigate where they would visit next.

In Northern Fordland Belfast there are important historical sites. A famous site the SJC group visited was the Wall of Peace which is a brick wall nearly 12 feet high stretching for miles. "It has several entrances; you could visit during the week—closed on most weekends because of security problems." In history, the Catholics feuded with the Protestants. Visitors have the opportunity to leaves messages on the wall. "Belfast is a huge cosmopolitan city—it's still technically a part of the UK. It's different because it's more industrial." Belfast uses pounds as their currency instead of the United Kingdom's euro. The SJC

group had to take their Euros to the currency exchange in a nearby local post office.

"I would definitely want to see different parts of Ireland. I know there are more natural wonders that we just didn't have time to see. Like the coastlines. They're difficult to get to, but we had not time to hike to them." Prof. Chattin and the group did not travel with tour guides, they followed their own itinerary, divided their own time and controlled their own agenda, and then they negotiated with a cab driver to drive them to those destinations. Considering Europe, and Turkey, Prof. Chattin says, "I'm talking to students to consider a trip for next summer." Traveling was a wonderful experience, sharing their fun. Some students in the group had never traveled to a foreign country before. Prof. Chattin likes to think that this trip "was a transitional experience"—she hopes "it made them feel more secure, learn to travel alone, not be intimidated by a new culture and place."

Pumas Move Forward To Homecoming

After Falling Short

By Ken Badylak
Sports Information Director

The Saint Joseph's College football team made a second half comeback on Saturday, but could not capitalize on its final drive to defeat Southwest Baptist University. SBU held on in the final minutes to defeat SJC 21-19.

The Bearcats (3-1), a balanced team coming into the game, mounted two long drives to open the contest. After 15 plays on the opening drive, John Colliver missed a 42 yard field goal attempt. SJC however went three and out on its opening possession giving SBU the ability to drive down field in 16 plays and 84 yards to score the first touchdown of the game.

Billy VandeMerkt (So., Riverside, Ill./Riverside-Brookfield) opened the second quarter by completing a 11 play, 70 yard-drive with a 36-yard touchdown pass to Cameron Crabtree (Fr., Indianapolis, Ind./Pike). VandeMerkt feeling pressure in the pocket tossed an underhand scoop pass to Crabtree who maneuvered his way to the side-line and into the endzone. The extra point however was missed after a SJC false start penalty.

The Bearcats answered right back as Dan Connors dumped a short pass to Thaddeus Everson who broke tackles, going 32 yards for a score. SBU took a 14-6

lead into the locker-room as the Pumas' first drive of the second half stalled. SJC did get into field goal range on its second series, but Kevin Quackenbush's (Sr., Indianapolis, Ind./Perry Meridian) attempt was tipped and fell short into the endzone where it was picked-up by Chris Hawkins who scampered 63 yards into SJC territory. After a Puma penalty, the Bearcats had a short field in which to operate.

Tiras Harris ended the 24-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown that gave SBU a 21-6 edge, a lead that the Bearcats carried into the fourth quarter. Midway through the final 15 minutes, a series of three turnovers in a row ended with Anthony Rouba (Sr., Chicago, Ill./St. Lawrence) forcing a SBU fumble giving the Pumas possession on the Bearcat 34-yard line.

With the Pumas facing a fourth and six, the drive was extended when VandeMerkt found Scott Chapman (Sr., Brook, Ind./South Newton) for an eight yard gain. Four plays later and again in a fourth down situation, VandeMerkt lofted a pass to corner of the endzone that Chapman caught, keeping one foot in bounds. After Quackenbush's extra point, SJC had cut the deficit to 21-19 with less than four minutes remaining.

The SJC defense returned possession back to the Puma



Julian Walker rushes the ball.
Photo Courtesy of Father Timm C.P.P.S

offense with 2:27 left on the clock. VandeMerkt helped mover the Pumas down to the SBU 31 yard-line, but a penalty followed by three incomplete passes and a sack ended SJC's chances.

VandeMerkt surpassed 1,000 yards passing on season by completing 23 of 43 passes for 204 yards with an interception and two touchdowns. Chapman

caught 12 passes for 90 yards and one touchdown while Darryl Jordan (So., Indianapolis, Ind./ Brownsburg) rushed for 76 yards on 12 carries. Jamyl Scott (Hamilton, Ohio/Fairfield) recorded a team-high 11 tackles.

The Pumas will play Robert Morris University (IL) on Saturday's homecoming game. Kick-off at Alumni Stadium is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Young Pumas Stride Against Competition

By J.J. Miller
Staff Writer

Two weeks into the cross country season and one thing is clear: both the men's and women's teams have come out strong thus far.

For the men's team, freshman Logan Barrett has shown both his teammates and GLVC rivals UW-Parkside and Bellarmine what he can do. Placing 3rd at the UW-Parkside Midwest Open and 9th at the National Catholic Cross Country Invitational, he has lead the Pumas to respective 2nd and 7th place team finishes. Along with Barrett, sophomore Richard Kaht has consistently been the number two runner, placing 6th and 35th in the first two meets. Junior Rocco Mazzanti came in just behind Kaht in 7th place at Parkside, and took 63rd at the Catholic Cross Country Invite. Sophomores Mike Fauser and Jake Carden have also done well, with Fauser placing 18th and 62nd, and Carden taking 29th and 51st. Junior Brian Witt and sophomore Matt Phillips have also placed, rounding off the squad so far this year.

The women's team has also seen success from a new face. Freshman Andie Strang has lead

the Pumas with her 16th and 28th place finishes at UW-Parkside, where the team finished 6th, and the Catholic Cross Country Invite, where the team placed 11th. Sophomore Katie DeBoy, who redshirted her freshman year, has been a big contributor in her first two meets, placing 22nd and 59th for the Pumas, while junior Kirstin Hart has also been doing what she's done in previous seasons, which is scoring well for the Pumas, coming in at 26th and 75th in the first two meets. Junior Kelli Lipold, sophomores Trisha Hanlon and Morgan Klineman, along with the other two freshmen, Frehiwet Negassi and Jessica McElwain, have also placed for the Pumas, in what has been a successful start to their season.

"We're moving in the right direction," says head coach Bill Massoels. "We need to increase the intensity of the workouts, the intensity during the workouts, and work on decreasing the gap between our first and seventh runner.

If the Pumas can accomplish that, the sky's the limit. They'll have plenty of time to do that, as they've got two weeks off before they run next. Their next meet takes them to Indiana Wesleyan University Invitational in Marion, Indiana on October 1st.



Coach Holbrook pushes her girls during match play
Photo Courtesy of Father Timm C.P.P.S

Women's Soccer Welcomes New Philosophy With New Coach

By Daniel Zimmer
Sports Editor

Emily Holbrook was hired to serve as the head women's soccer coach on January 6th, 2011, and is now the tenth head coach since the inception of the program in 1988.

Holbrook comes to SJC after serving a two-year stint as the head coach of St. Charles Community College in Cottleville, Mo. She started the program in 2009, posting a 23-11-1 career record. The 2010 Region 16 Coach of the Year guided the Cougars to a 15-4-1 record and a Region 16 Championship last season. It was during this time that Holbrook learned the ins and outs of coaching. "I ran it

as a four year program and it was great," says Holbrook.

Holbrook also played five years of professional soccer with teams in England and Canada as a goalkeeper. Her professional career was highlighted in the fall of 2003 while playing with the Blackburn Rovers Ladies FC in Lancashire, England who were crowned the Northern Combination League Champions Title with an undefeated season (22-0).

The current Women's squad is battling hard, and posting results this year. "We've been in every game and our hard work is going to pay off," she says. The new coach believes that hard work and effort is what leads to luck and wins. The Puma women run

Upcoming Home Games

9/30

Women's Tennis
vs Purdue
University
Calumet (Ind.)
TBA

10/1

Football vs
Robert Morris
College (Ill.)
2:00 PM

10/7

Women's Soccer
vs Northern
Kentucky
University
5:00 PM

Men's Soccer
vs Northern
Kentucky
University
7:30 PM

10/8

Volleyball vs
University of
Missouri - St.
Louis
5:00 PM

miles on miles to prepare for their upcoming matches. There is more to fitness behind all the running. "With women you need to push them so they believe in themselves. If they can do that or see that they can do it then they can believe in themselves," says Holbrook.

All the hard work is showing on the field for the Lady Pumas with strong recent performances against Merryville University with a 2-0 win in conference play and the a second straight win against Marian College. Currently the Women's Soccer team is 2-4 with a conference record of 1-3. With games coming up in the schedule against teams who have have not won a game the Lady Pumas look forward to next competetions.

Tennis Team on the Road

By Katie Guernsey
Sports Writer

On Friday, September 16th through Sunday the 18th both the men and women's tennis teams traveled to Waterloo, Iowa for the Ashford University Invitational. The tournament began bright and early Saturday morning, but the Pumas were in for a rough day. They battled through wind, cold, and occasional rain before the tournament was called due to rain Saturday evening. "The weather was so cold in Iowa that I actually came back with a cold!" said freshman Katie Phillips.

The tournament kicked off again Sunday morning, moving to indoor courts for the completion. With only 6 courts to work with it was a long day, and all final singles matches were unable to be completed due to time constraints.

Both the men and women's teams did better than they ever have in the tournament. Of the men's team, 5 singles, including sophomore Seth Arthur at 3 singles, sophomore Joseph Bomben at 5 singles, freshman Adam Meeker at 6 singles, sophomore Dylan Helton at 7 singles, and freshman Brian Clark at 8 singles. Of the women's team 3 singles



Katee Sanderson gets ready to return a ball.
Photo by Father Tim McFarland C.P.P.S
spots made it to the finals, including Katee Sanderson at 1 singles, Marie Kegley at 2 singles, and Katie Phillips at 6 singles, and the 1 doubles team of Sanderson and sophomore Kegley won the tournament at their position.

"Men's tennis is working hard and improving every week and continuing to reach for their goals to qualify for the GLVC tournament," said sophomore Joseph Bomben. The men's tennis team is looking at what will be their most competitive season yet, both in practice and match play.

"Iowa was a successful weekend on the court and it also provided us with the opportunity to bond as a team," said newly named head captain Marie Kegley. "It's an honor to be named captain and hopefully I will lead the team to a rewarding season."

The Lady Pumas are proud to announce the addition of junior Emily Claeys to the team. Both the men and women's teams are excited for their fall season to get under way and get more wins under their belt.

IM ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM ACHIEVES THREE-PEAT

By: Jeremy Butterfield
Sports Editor

During each school year IM sports are some of the most important games that happen around campus like 7-on-7 flag football, kickball, ultimate Frisbee, indoor soccer, dodgeball, 5-on-5 basketball, volleyball, and 16 inch softball.

To begin each year the campus starts with ultimate Frisbee, each sport always has one week of playoffs and the Frisbee playoff week went well for two teams. Last Chance and Pedro's Lawn Care both made it to the championship game this year. Last Chance was going for their 3 straight title but they had to get past a powerful throwing team with Pedro's Lawn Care.

This game was set in the evening so teams could have most of their players but they had to start with a 5-5 game, the teams could have up to 7 players on the field at a time. The game started with both teams ready to play Last Chance likes to play the long game with their speed but Pedro's Lawn Care was able to keep up with them. While Pedro's Lawn Care liked to play the short and medium game. Both teams wanted that magical shirt for winning the title in Frisbee. This game was set up to a high scoring affair and it looked like it when the game started but then Last Chance got another player and changed the tide in their favor.

While the first half was not high of scoring with a 5-3 lead for Last Chance both teams were



Last Chance poses for a team picture after the game.
Photo by Jeremy Butterfield

starting to get tired. That is when new players got there for both teams. Octavio Duenas the coach of Pedro's Lawn Care made the comment "We were a man down the first half. Hopefully with new players on our side we can make this an interesting game". During the second half they needed more than just new players as the second half was down hill for them, only scoring 2 points the second half. Last Chance's speed and Pedro's Lawn Care started to get tired at the right and wrong time for each team and Last Chance ended up winning with a 12-5 victory.

They were able to clinch the title again for the third year in a row, a team quote was "Ballsy" as they started to celebrate and shake the other team's hands. As the team's go their own ways smack talk is already starting for the next

seasons of IM sports is starting with flag football and 16 inch starting. Games have already begun for both sports and everyone wants to win each game for when playoffs begin the quest for more golden shirts starts all over again.

Volleyball Starts Strong

By Ian Evans
Staff Writer

After a strong start, the Women's Volleyball Team has struggled in recent weeks. Well supplied with individual talent, the team can't seem to put it together in order to create a consistently strong offense and defense. They started off their season with three

Puma Athlete Profile:

By: Rachel King
Staff writer

Malcolm Exford

Malcolm is a Freshman football player. His major is Athletic Training. He is sitting out this season with a red shirt.



Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana

How long have you been playing football? Since the 3rd grade.

How did you get involved with football? My father took me to see a game after school the day after I saw my favorite team play.

What position do you play? I plays Nose Guard inside 1 technique.

What is your favorite food?: Liver and Onions with black beans and rice.

What music do you like to listen to?: Everything except country.

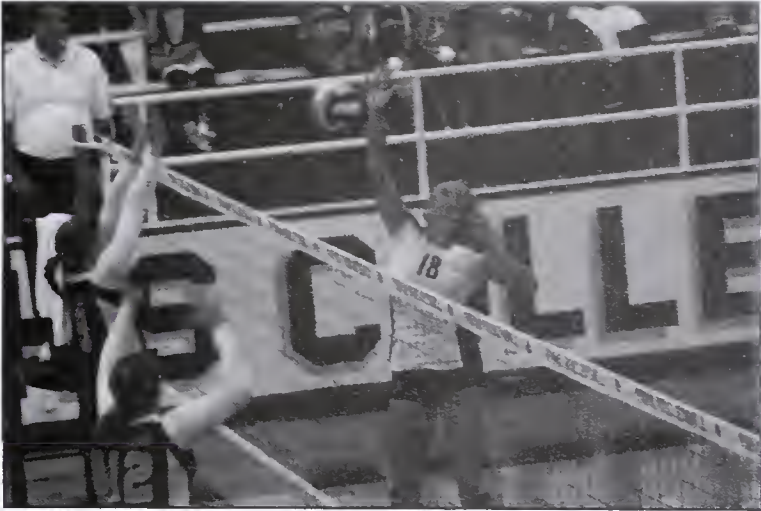
What movie can you watch over and over again?: Inception

What was the first job you ever had?: Sales Rep for Vector marketing.

Did you like it?: No not at all!!

What is one thing that people don't know about you?: I have a fear of clowns.

What is your favorite sports team? New England Patriots



Maggie Walters spikes the ball during match play.
Photo by Father Tim McFarland C.P.P.S

consecutive wins against Michigan Tech (3-0), Notre Dame College (3-0), and McKendree University (3-0), respectively. They then suffered one hard fought loss to Indiana University of Pennsylvania (2-3) before defeating Cedarville University (3-1) to end the 2011 PUMA Invitational with a record of 4-1.

The Pumas then traveled to Urbana University in Ohio to collect a fifth season win. Tragically, they fell apart after that, suffering five consecutive losses to Northern Kentucky University (0-3), Bellarmine University (1-3), University of Indianapolis (0-3), University of Wisconsin-Parkside (2-3), and Lewis University (0-3).

This past weekend, the Pumas beat Kentucky Wesleyan College (3-1) but were defeated by the

University of Southern Indiana (3-1) in three very close sets. Despite the recent struggles there is still much room for success.

The Pumas have a strong offense in Senior Sharon Freund, Sophomore Katherine Brown, and Freshman, Lisa Parsons who have all been playing strongly. Another help is the top notch performance by Junior Lindsay Allen, who has stepped up as an upper classman and had 6 kills of 8 attempts as well as two block assists against Southern Indiana on Saturday. Defensively, Courtney Bast led the Pumas with 12 digs and was supported by Sara Arias and Katie Wollen who both had 7.

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for September 29

(219) 866-2222

fountainstone theaters.com

Abduction (PG-13)

2:35, 4:35, 6:35

Dolphin Tale (PG)

2:30, 4:30, 6:30

Drive (R)

2:40, 4:40, 6:40

Moneyball (PG-13)

4:05, 6:25

The Help (PG-13)

4:00, 6:40

Coming Soon

What's Your Number?

Real Steel

The Ritz Cinema

Movies for September 29

(219) 866-0086

www.ritzcinema.net

All movies begin at 7:00 M-F

Matinees Sat/Sun 2:00

Midnight in Paris

(PG-13)

Dating Dan: Dating Advice

By Daniel Zimmer
Sports Editor

Dan, my significant other and I dated through high school and now that we're both on campus we seem to be struggling a bit. What is happening?

Well, college tends to have people grow and change in small ways from where they once were. Think about it. We all grow up. I'm in no way the same person I was a few years ago. It happens to everyone.

With college comes all sorts of changes in life from what it once was. We all have classes, work schedules, clubs and

organizations; some of us are athletes too. Put that all on top of a social life and that's a huge weight. It's a lot to juggle and prioritize. Not that your significant other is changing priorities with you, that might not be the case at all.

Maybe they're stressed, maybe they're struggling with all the changes. Heck, why not pounce on the opportunity to be supportive and helpful to this significant other? They may be really appreciative and it'll help with some of these struggles you're both having.

Go do something to blow the stress off. If there's a slow night of homework,

go grab a meal that's not in the cafe and why not you pay saying it's help with all the stress you've been under. Maybe take that stress and take it out on a nerf gun war or pillow fight.

These are just suggestions; try and find something that fits both your personalities so there's a bonding experience for the two of you. The important part is to make it something new and exciting instead of the normal routine, otherwise it won't stand out and be a bit more special than the other times you've both shared.

Send your dating questions to Dan at dzq7803.

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to ehq7585@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

"I'm going to start planning events 5 years in advanced. That way, no one can tell me a month isn't enough notice."

"Michigan girls don't like jazz music."

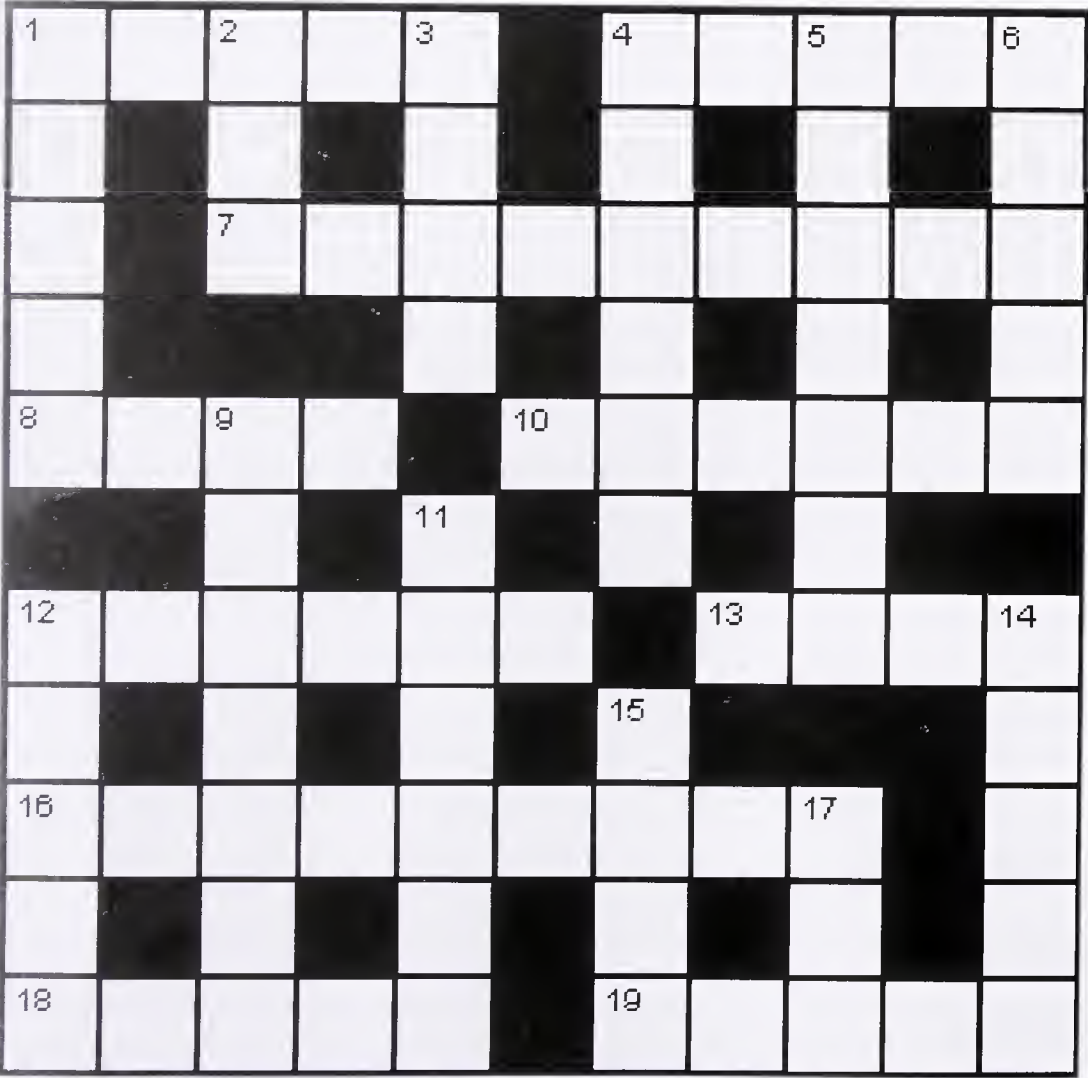
"If I spoke Serbian, I'd be yelling at your mom right now."

"I can't eat raisins. I feel like I'm cheating on grapes with their grandparents."

"How does someone accidentally eat poo?"

Reasons to Party

- Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Homecoming weekend at SJC
- Oct. 1-Walt Disney World opened in 1971
- Oct. 2-First comic strip printed in a newspaper in 1896
- Oct. 5-The World Series is broadcast on radio for the first time in 1921
- Oct. 11-Saturday Night Live premiered in 1975
- Oct. 12-Columbus Day



WOULD YOU RATHER...

- ...be trapped in a subway car with a buffalo or several possibly poisonous snakes?
- ...listen to Celine Dion or a toddler talk for 12 hours straight?
- ...be punched in the genitals by Mike Tyson in his prime or French kiss him for 30 seconds?
- ...shoot your best friend in the face or be crucified?
- ...have your eyelashes plucked out individually or your toenails pulled out?
- ...slap a baby or an elderly person?
- ...kill Abraham Lincoln or Ghandi?
- ...drink vomit through a straw or eat a fresh maggot pie?

- Across

1. Twelve (5)

4. Hoard (5)

7. Unaware (9)

8. Gape (4)

10. Wore away (6)

12. Birds of prey (6)

13. Notion (4)

16. Large spider (9)

18. The lowest point of anything (5)

19. Implied (5)
- Down

1. Journal (5)

2. Menagerie (3)

3. World's longest river (4)

4. Secret or hidden (6)

5. Bustling (7)

6. Abated (5)

9. Placed a bet (7)

11. Thinner (6)

12. Consumed (5)

14. Proficient (5)

15. Female relative (4)

17. Part of a circle (3)